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SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT -- PART TWO

1. NATO MEETING: RECEIVED PROMINENT MEDIA PLAY. SAMPLE
NEWSPAPER FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE: INDEPENDENT JORNAL DO BRASIL
(RIO) STORY HEADLINED "NATO POINTS OUT FRAGILITY OF THE
'DETENTE' SAYS: "IN HIS SPEECH AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE
NATO'S 25TH MEETING, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION,
JOSEPH LUNS, SAID THAT THE OCTOBER MIDEAST WAR WAS A DEMONSTRATION
THAT THE SOVIET THREAT STILL IS IN FORCE AND MADE EVIDENT THE
FRAGILITY OF THE WORLD'S PEACE AND THE LIMITATIONS OF THE
'DETENTE'. ..." PRESTIGIOUS O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO REPORT
ENTITLED A "NEW CHARTER OF THE ATLANTIC IS VIABLE" SAYS: "THE
NATO MEETING WAS OPENED YESTERDAY WITH THE U.S. AND FRANCE
RAPIDLY AND SURPRISINGLY REACHING AN ACCORD ON A NEW MECHANISM
FOR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN NATIONS AND WASHINGTON.
...AMERICAN AND FRENCH OFFICIALS BEGAN DRAFTING THE NEW CHARTER
AFTER A LONG MEETING BETWEEN THE U.S. SECSTATE HENRY KISSINGER AND
THE FRENCH FONMIN JEAN DE SAUVAGNARGUES. ..." (JUNE 19).

2. CARACAS LOS MEETING: MODERATE PINISDE PRESS PLAY CONTINUES.

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CONSERVATIVE CORREIO BRAZILIENSE (BRASILIA) CARRIES REPORT

SAYING THAT "ACCORDING TO GOB FONOFF SOURCES, AT THE CARACAS LOS MEETING, BRAZIL WILL REAFFIRM ITS SOVEREIGNTY OVER A 200-MILE SEA FOR EXPLORATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES. ...TO HAVE ITS 200-MILE THESIS APPROVED, BRAZIL NEEDS 100 VOTES. ...THE FONOFF SAYS THAT EVEN IF IT DOES NOT OBTAIN THE NEEDED NUMBER OF VOTES BRAZIL WILL NOT GIVE UP THE 200-MILE PATRIMONIAL SEA. THIS POSITION WILL NOT BE AN ARBITRARY ONE, AS SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATION ON THE MATTER DOES NOT EXIST TO PROHIBIT ANY COUNTRY FROM EXPANDING ITS JURISDICTION BEYOND THE 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA. WHAT EXISTS IS OPPOSITION BY COUNTRIES OF THE CONSERVATIVE BLOC, SUCH AS THE U.S. AND USSR, WHICH PROPOSE A PREFERENTIAL SYSTEM FOR COASTAL NATIONS REGARDING FISHING ACTIVITIES BUT NOT FOR EXPLORATION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES. THE AMERICANS SUBJECT THEIR RECOGNITION OF THE 200-MILE PATRIMONIAL SEA TO CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRIBUNAL. ...ANOTHER AMERICAN PROPOSAL SUBJECTS RECOGNITION OF THE 200-MILE SEA TO APPROVAL OF A PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THIS PROPOSAL ALSO WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY BRAZIL BECAUSE OF CONCESSIONS THAT THE COUNTRY WOULD HAVE TO MAKE TO CONSERVATIVE NATIONS. ..." (JUNE 19).

3. GATT TEXTILE AGREEMENT: JORNAL DO BRASIL CARRIES INSIDE REPORT WHICH SAYS: BRAZIL MAY ADHERE TO THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT APPROVED EARLY THIS YEAR AT THE GATT, AS A WAY TO AVOID ADOPTION OF A NEW PROTECTIONIST MEASURES IN BILATERAL TRADE BY LEADING IMPORTING NATIONS. ...THE BRAZILIAN POLICY UNTIL NOW WAS THAT OF NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE AGREEMENT, CONSIDERING THAT AN ADHERENCE WOULD IMPLY A PREVIOUS ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN RESTRICTION IMPOSED BY CONSUMING NATIONS. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS SPECIALISTS, THE THREAT OF SUFFERING EVEN GREATER RESTRICTIONS BY REMAINING OUTSIDE OF THE AGREEMENT MIGHT LEAD THE GOB TO REVIEW ITS POSITION. ..." (JUNE 19).

4. WATERGATE: O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO EDITORIAL SAYS: "... AT THE BEGINNING THE WATERGATE CAMPAIGN WAS VIEWED AS IF IT WAS A DEMOCRATIC CRUSADE AIMING AT BINDING TOGETHER SECTORS OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION STILL INSPIRED BY THE PURITANISM OF THEIR FOUNDING FATHERS. ...NOW, TWO YEARS LATER, AT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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TIME THAT IT DOES NOT ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES AND CANNOT BRING ITS CASES TO A CONCLUSION, THIS POLITICAL - MORAL CAMPAIGN IS BECOMING SLOWLY A SORT OF SOAP-OPERA. ..." (JUNE 19).
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